



A SINGING RAC DOLL

A Singing Rag Doll

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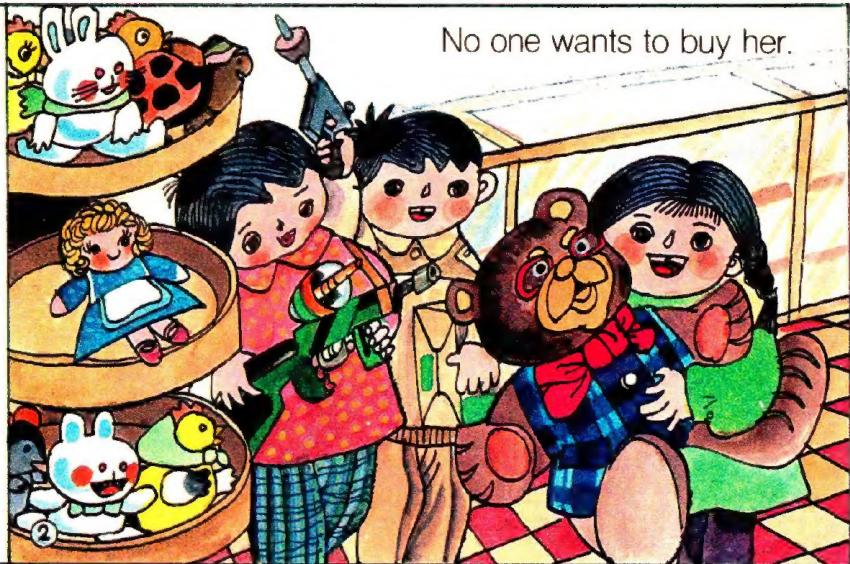
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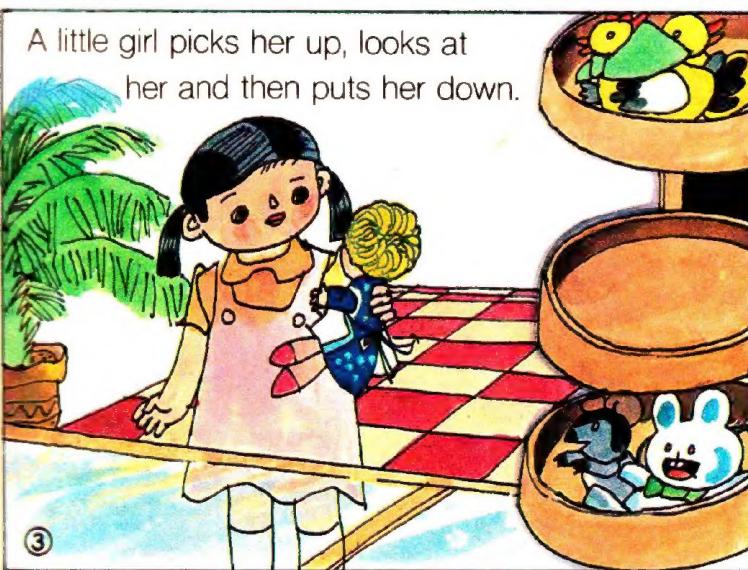
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① Qiao Yi is a rag doll.



No one wants to buy her.

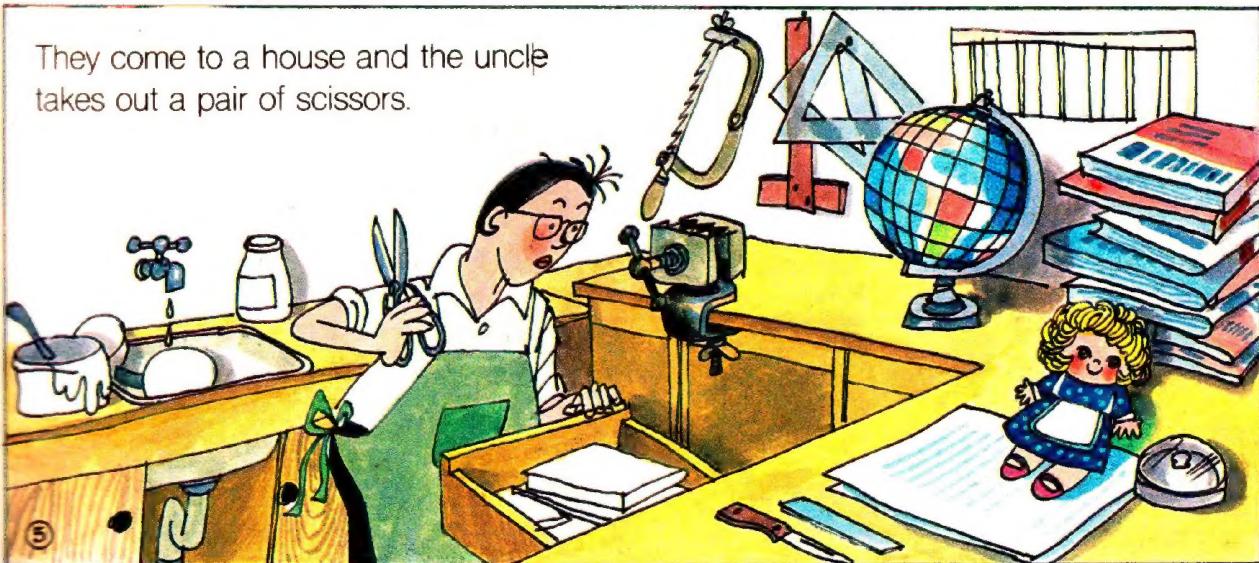


A little girl picks her up, looks at her and then puts her down.

An uncle takes Qiao Yi away.



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They come to a house and the uncle takes out a pair of scissors.

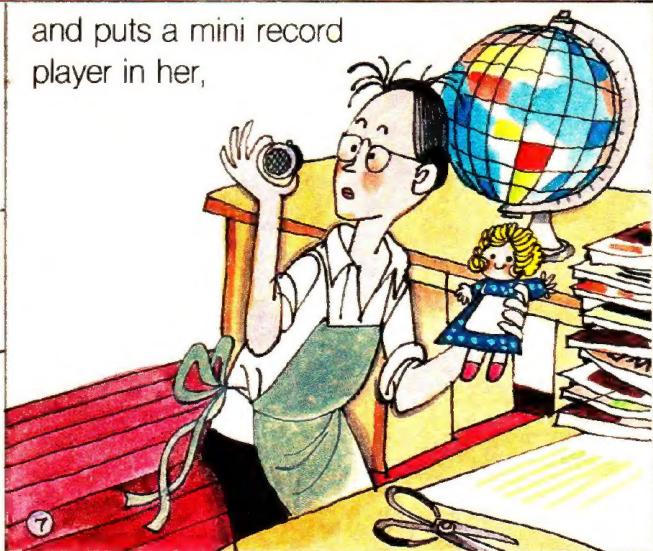


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He cuts open Qiao Yi's clothes at the back,



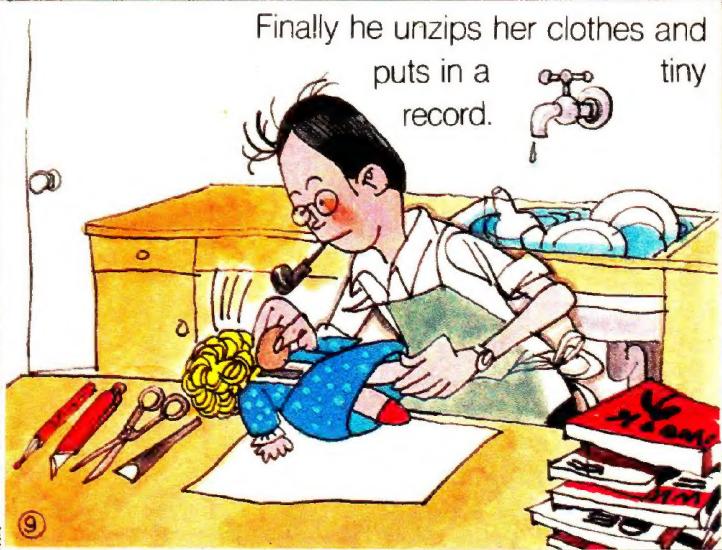
and puts a mini record player in her,



then fits a zipper to her clothes.



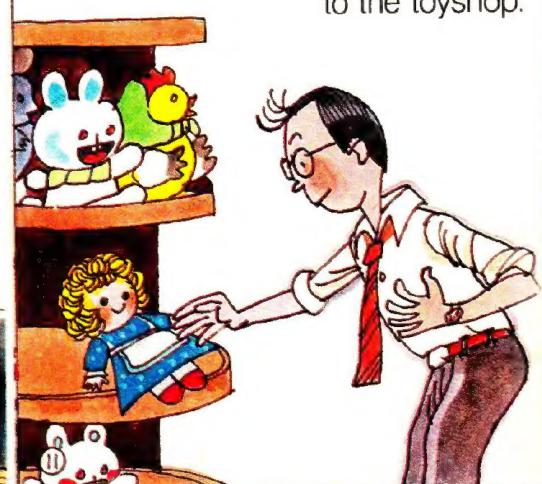
Finally he unzips her clothes and puts in a tiny record.



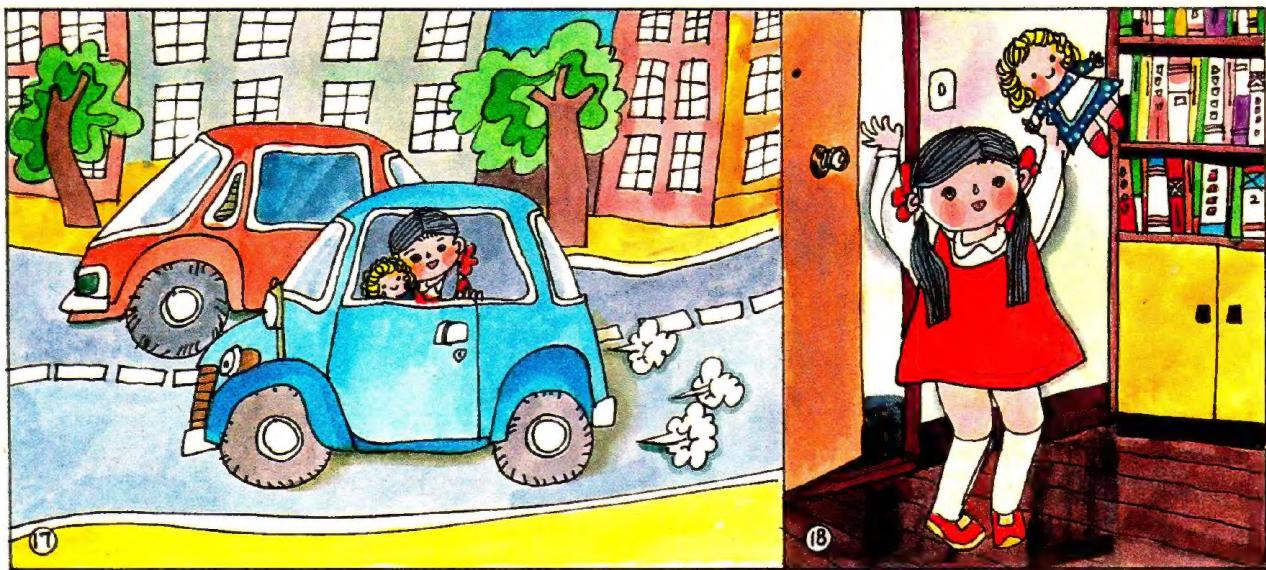
Qiao Yi at once sings songs.



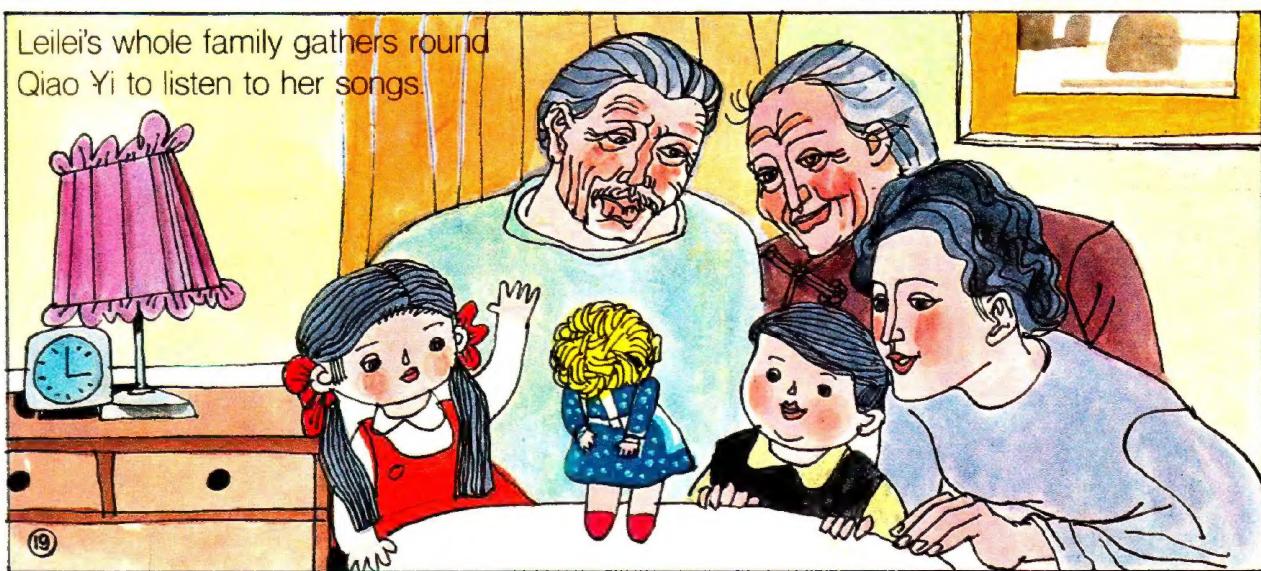
The uncle sends Qiao Yi back to the toyshop.







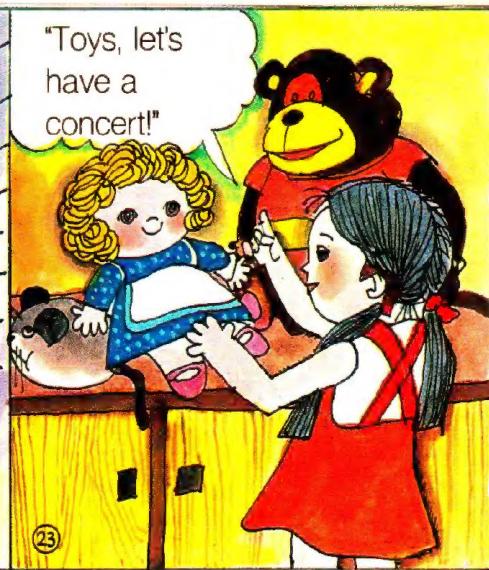
Leilei's whole family gathers round
Qiao Yi to listen to her songs.



Qiao Yi sings one
after another.



"She sings marvellously."
"How pleasant."



She looks at her friends triumphantly.

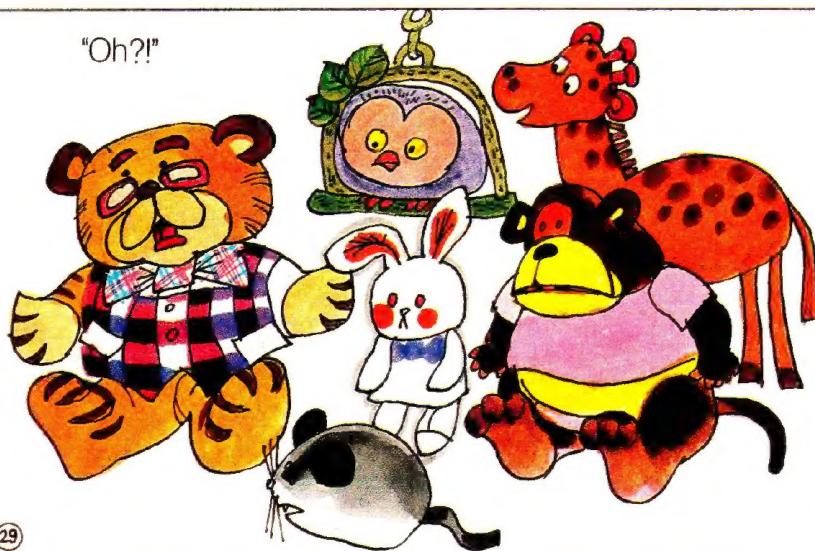


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All of a sudden she bursts out crying.

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"Oh?!"



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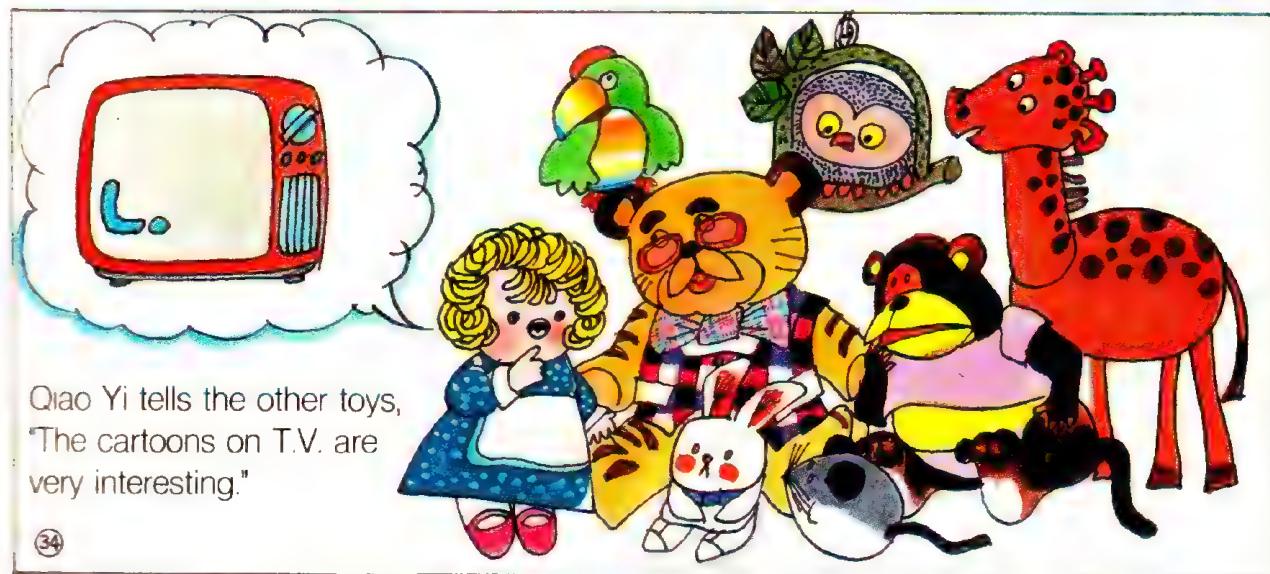
Aha, the record was put in wrong.

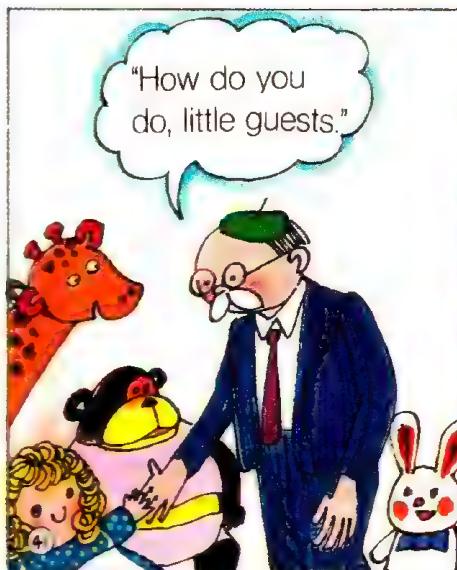
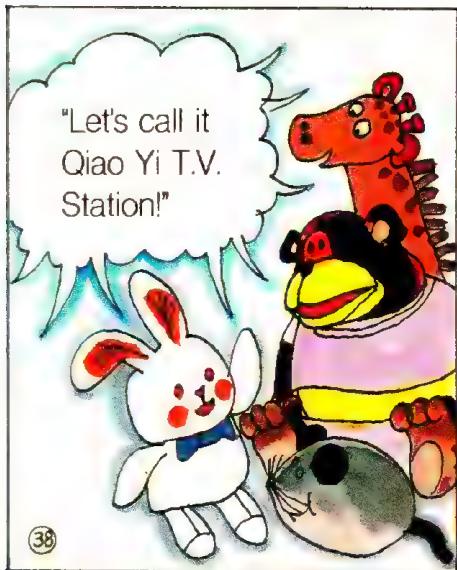
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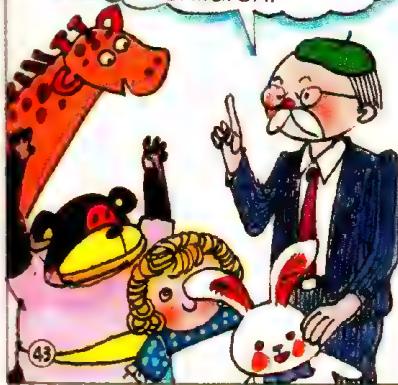
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This time Qiao Yi sings perfectly.





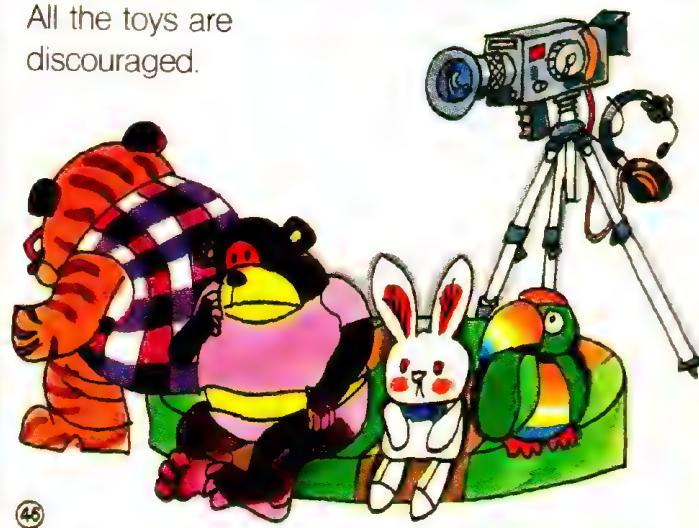
"O.K., you can set up a T.V. station and put on performances for children."



The chimpanzee comes from outside and tells Qiao Yi, "Only few people were watching."



All the toys are discouraged.



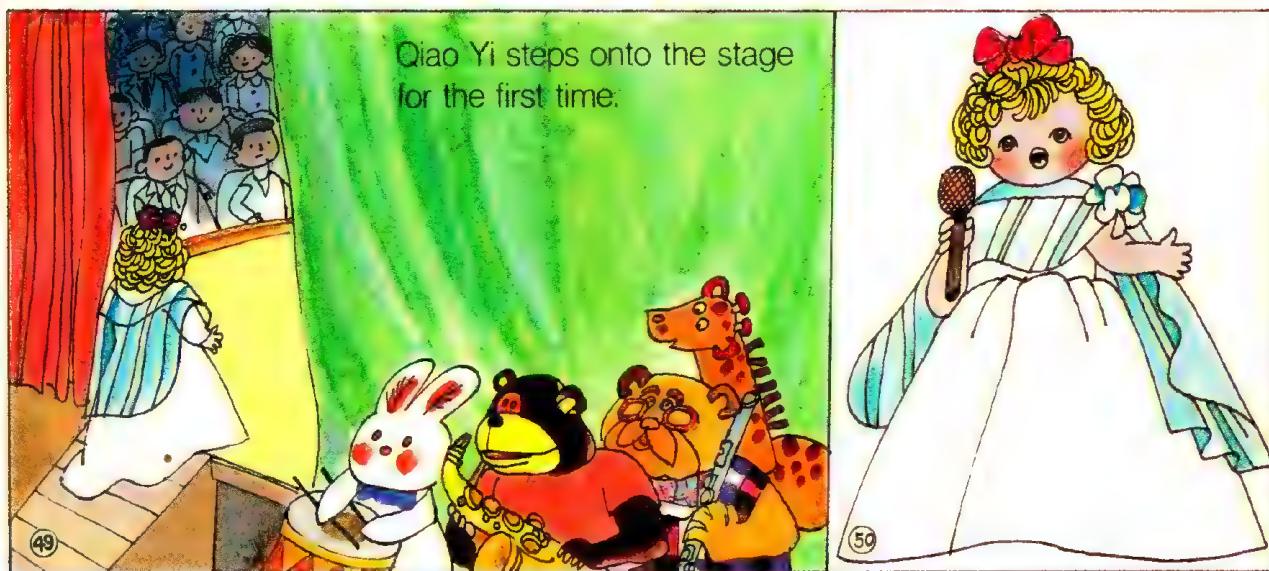
"Let's put on a performance in the theatre," Qiao Yi suggests.



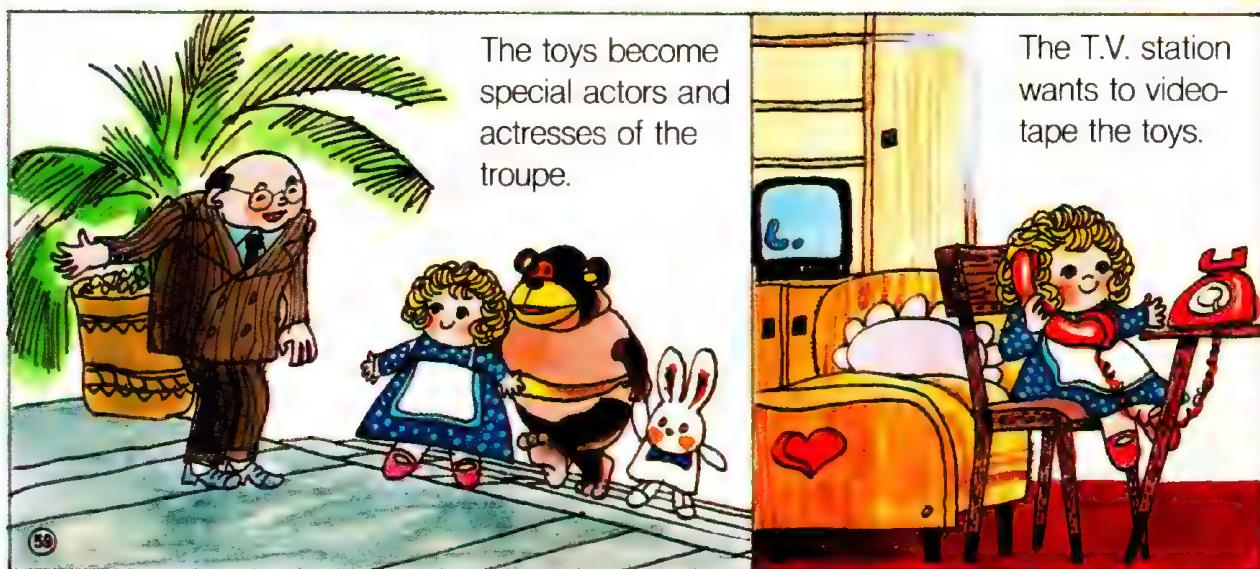
The toys make preparations for the show.

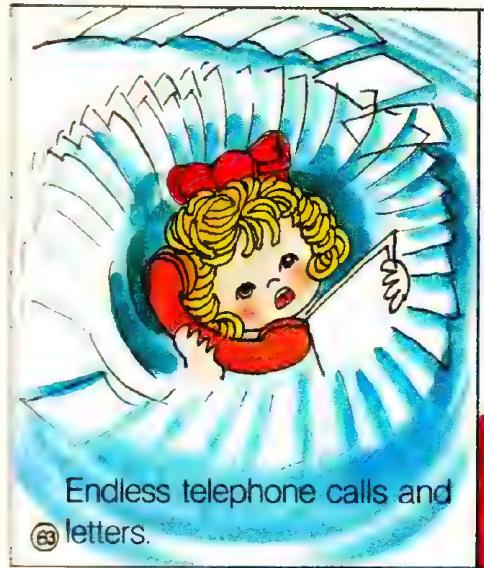


Qiao Yi steps onto the stage for the first time:

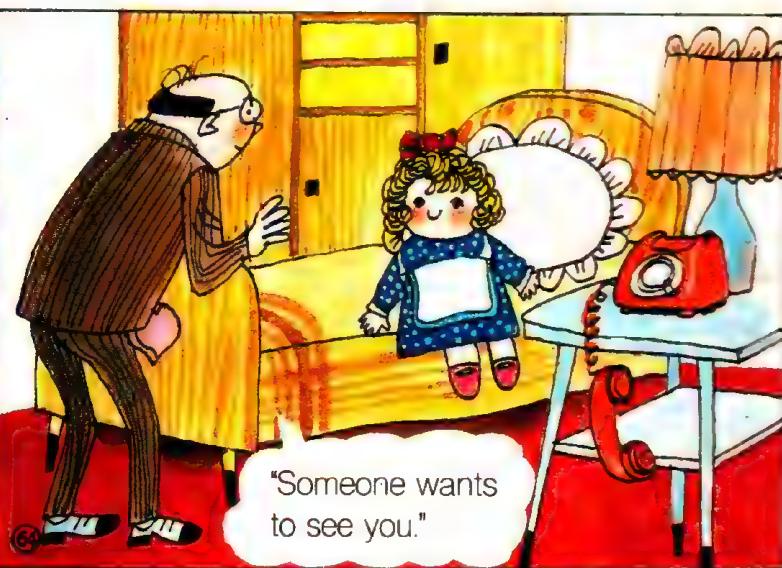








Endless telephone calls and
letters.



The children from the kindergarten have come to see Qiao Yi.

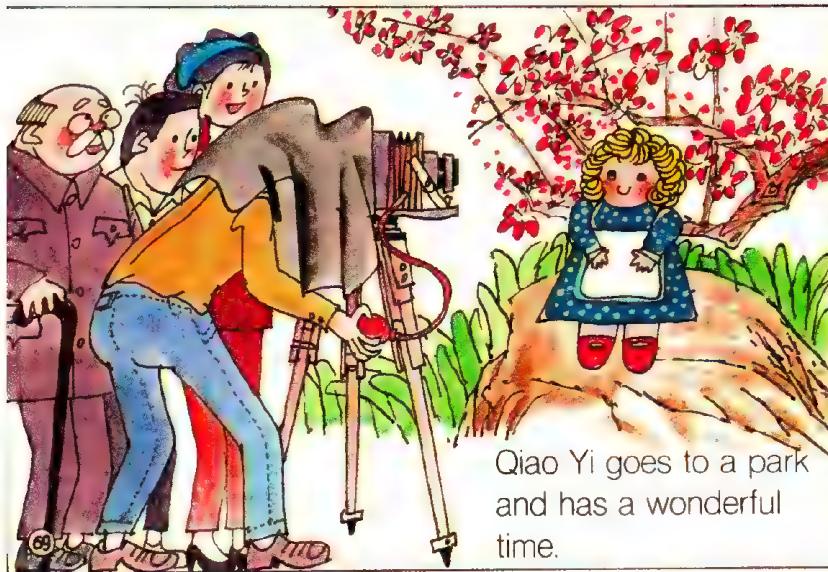


"I'm now a famous actress. How can I play with the children! How annoying!"



Curious people gather round Qiao Yi on the street.



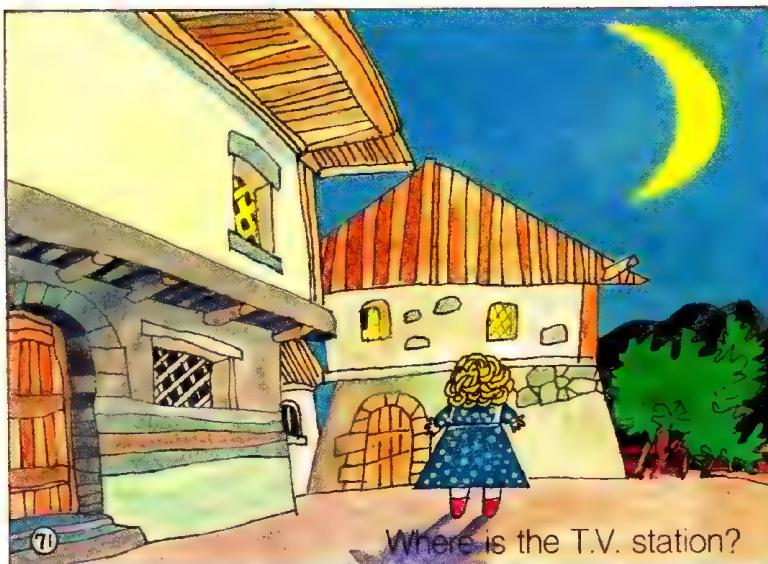


Qiao Yi goes to a park
and has a wonderful
time.

"Oh, it's time to go to the
T.V. station."



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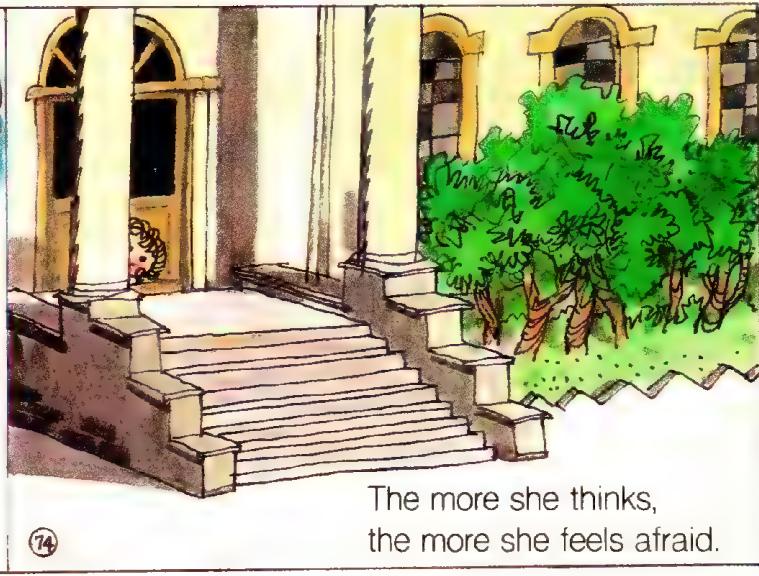


Where is the T.V. station?



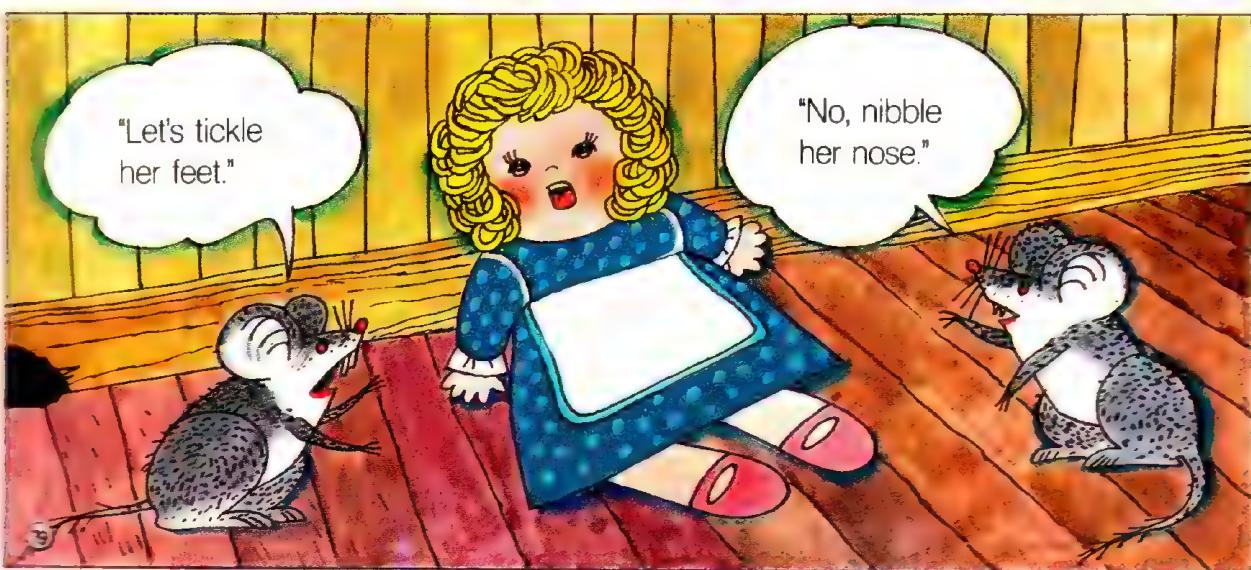
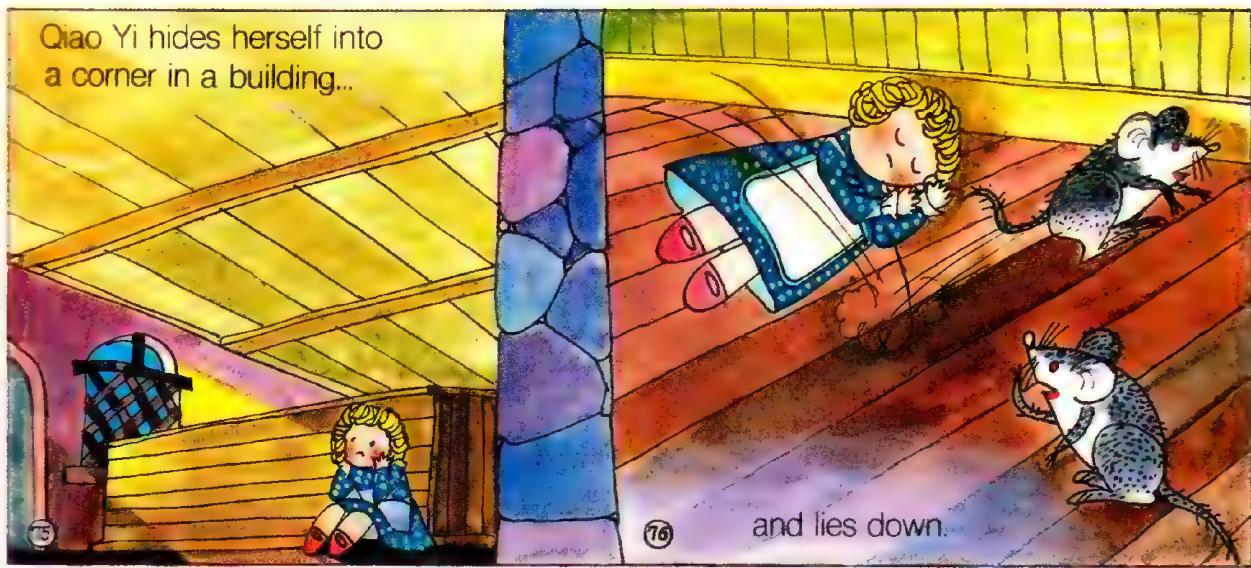
Qiao Yi
regrets
leaving
Leilei.

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The more she thinks,
the more she feels afraid.

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Qiao Yi pulls out a record
which has a mewing
sound.



Then she
puts it in.

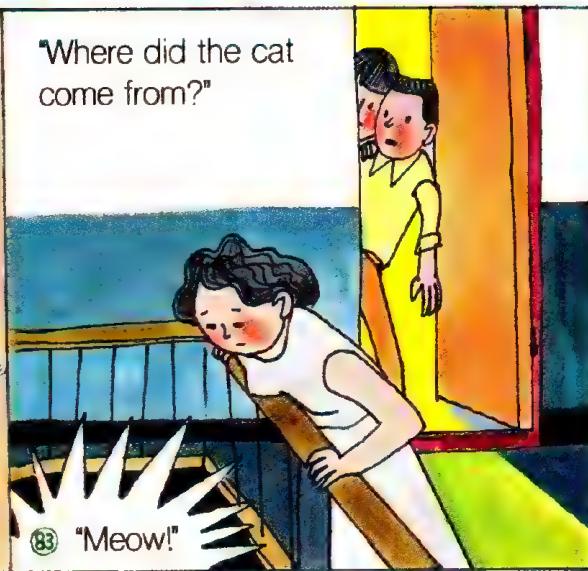


"Meow!"

"Meow!"



"Where did the cat
come from?"



Leilei finds out it is Qiao Yi.



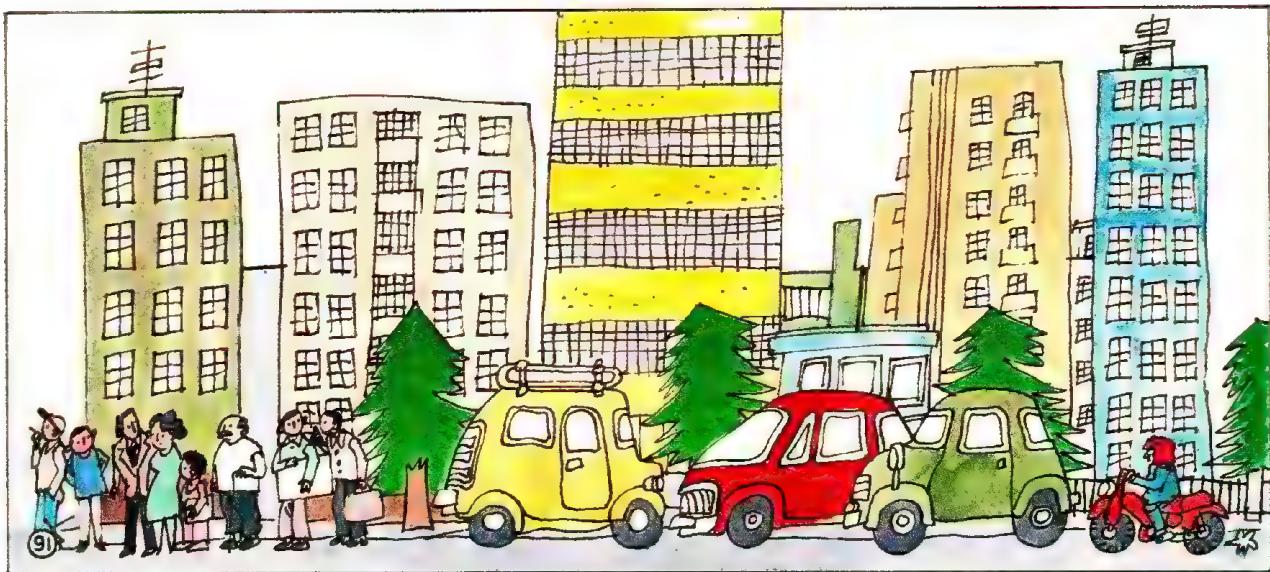
"Where have you been?"





Right after daybreak, Leilei sends Qiao Yi back to the troupe.





People all gather round
Qiao Yi and Leilei.



The heads of the troupe
and the T.V. station
both hurry over.



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"Qiao should
go back and
rest."

"Qiao has a
taping at the
T.V. station."



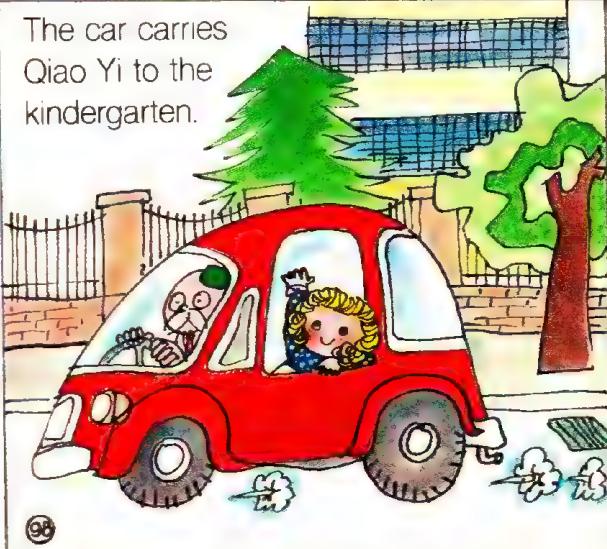
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"No, I want to see
the children in the
kindergarten."



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The car carries
Qiao Yi to the
kindergarten.

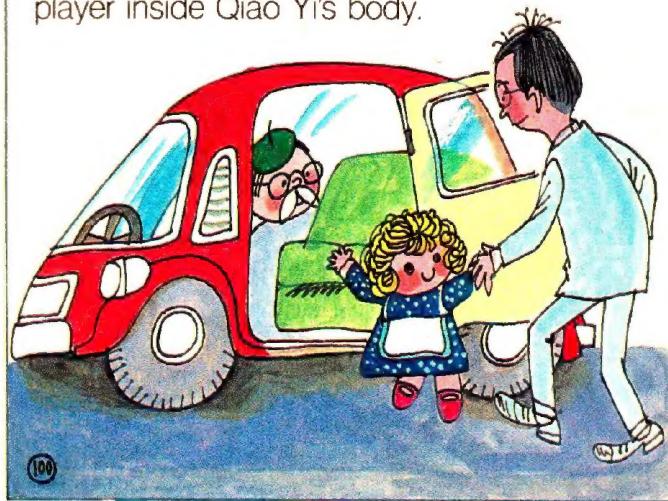


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Suddenly the car is
stopped by a
man.

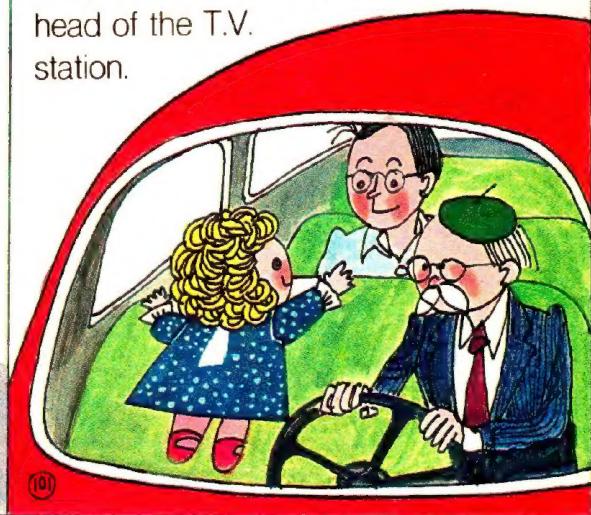


He is the uncle who put the mini record player inside Qiao Yi's body.



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Qiao Yi introduces him to the head of the T.V. station.



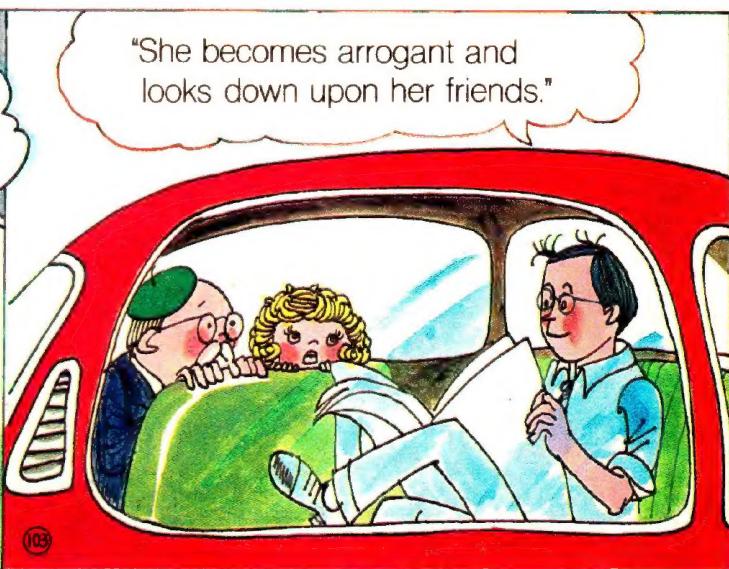
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"I've come to dismantle the record player in Qiao Yi."



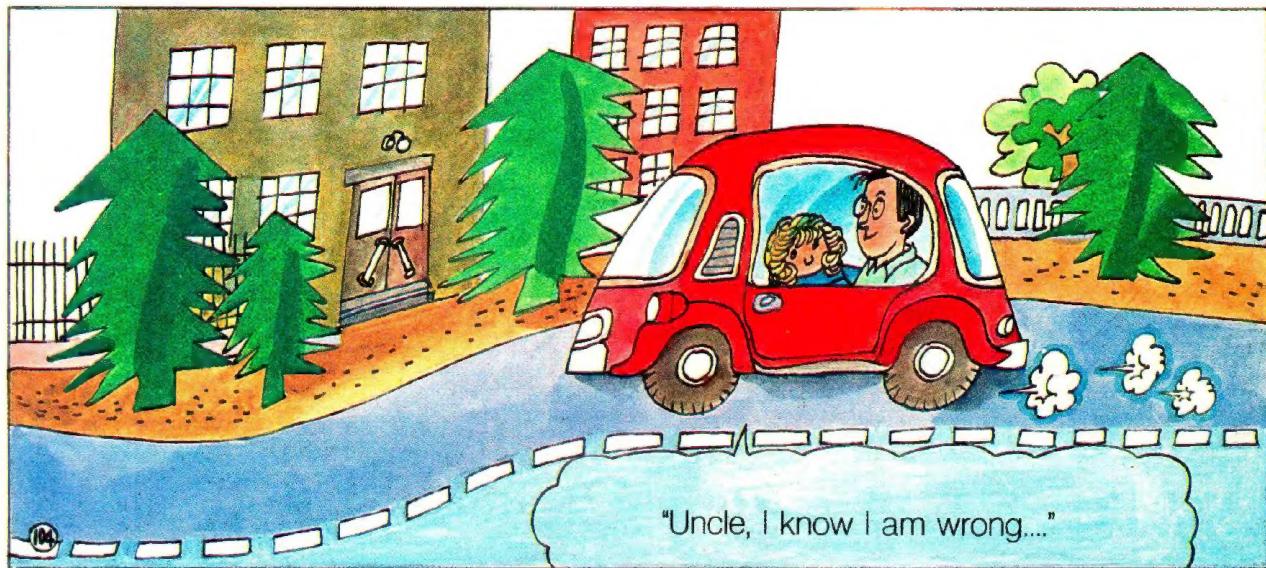
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"She becomes arrogant and looks down upon her friends."



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"Uncle, I know I am wrong..."



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The children give her a warm welcome.



The toys all come to the kindergarten.



"Qiao Yi, please sing a song for the children."



Qiao Yi sings one song after another.



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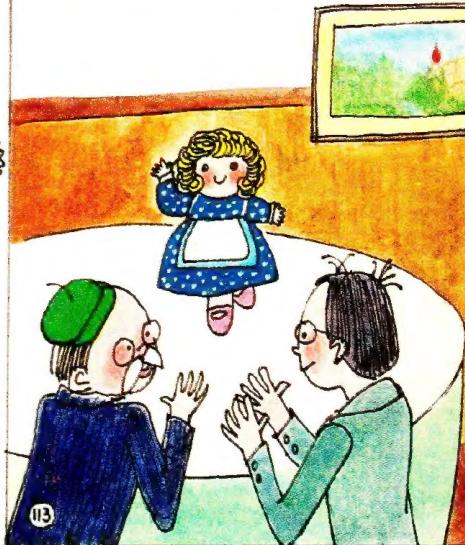


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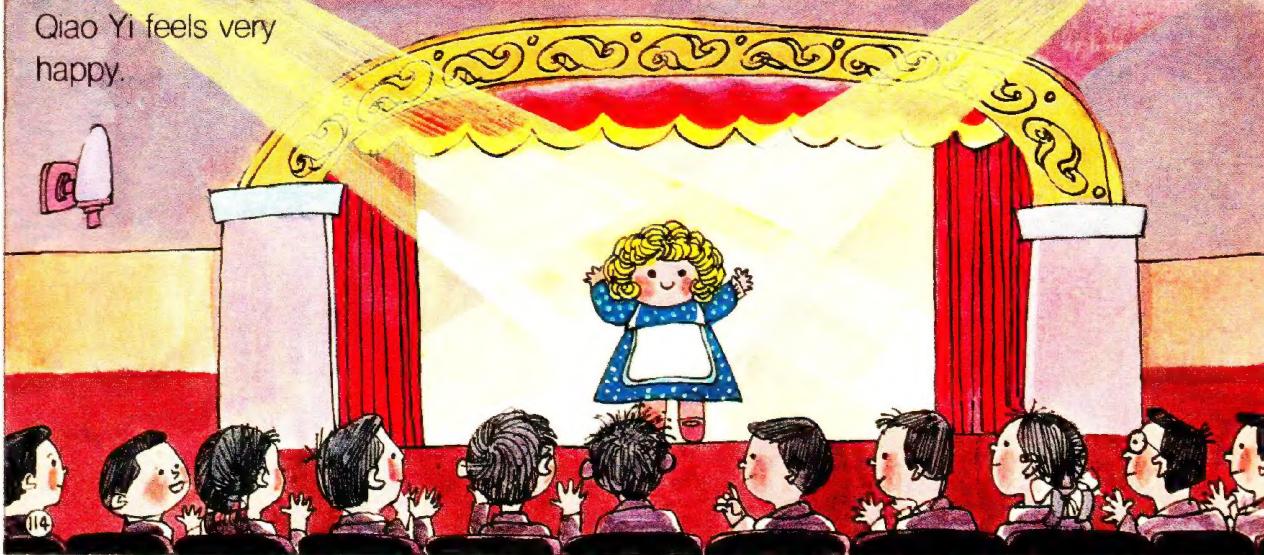
After singing, she dances with the children.



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Qiao Yi feels very happy.



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